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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH FRG ON BRAZIL

1. AS AGREED I TOLD DITTMAN IN COURSE OF BILATERAL
CONSULTATIONS THAT WHILE WE WERE DISAPPOINTED WITH FRG
ISSUANCE OF INITIAL EXPORT LICENSES TO BRAZIL, FRG
ASSURANCES THAT TRANSFERRED INFORMATION WAS OPENLY AVAIL-
ABLE AND DID NOT REPRESENT IRREVERSIBLE STEP MADE IT
POSSIBLE FOR U.S. TO MODERATE ITS PUBLIC RESPONSE. FRG
SHOULD BE UNDER NO ILLUSION, HOWEVER, THAT FUNDAMENTAL
U.S. NON-PROLIFERATION CONCERNS ALTERED AND WE BELIEVE
WE SHOULD NOW PROCEED TO SATISFY THESE CONCERNS. WE LOOK
FORWARD TO POLITICAL SOLUTION OF OVERALL ISSUE, IN
MANNER MEETING U.S., FRG AND BRAZILIAN NEEDS, IN
CONNECTION WITH PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH SCHMIDT AT
LONDON SUMMIT. WE SHOULD PREPARE FOR SUCH SOLUTION BY
SHIFTING ATTENTION AWAY FROM LEGALISMS -- BE THEY
LICENSES OR ALLEGED NPT OBLIGATIONS -- AND TOWARD COMMON

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EFFORTS TO AVOID RETURN TO BILATERAL CONFRONTATION FROM
WHICH WE HAVE JUST EMERGED.

2. DITTMAN RECIPROCATED THIS ESSENTIALLY POSITIVE TONE,
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR MODERATED U.S. RESPONSE TO
ISSUANCE OF LICENSES AND VIEW THAT EXTENSIVE CONSULTA-
TIONS OVER PAST FEW MONTHS HELPED TO CLARIFY RESPECTIVE

POSITIONS OF OUR GOVERNMENTS. HE HAD NO DOUBT THAT CHANCELLOR WOULD WANT TO PURSUE ISSUE WITH PRESIDENT AT LONDON SUMMIT. INDEED, CHANCELLOR HAD RECENTLY RECEIVED PERSONAL LETTER ON THIS ISSUE FROM PRESIDENT, WHICH DID NOT APPEAR TO BE PRODUCT OF BUREAUCRACY, TO WHICH THEY WERE IN COURSE OF SENDING RESPONSE (I MADE NO COMMENT ON THIS).

3. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT THERE WAS NO NEED TO ALLOCATE BLAME FOR LACK OF AGREEMENT IN INITIAL PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS, AND THAT WE CAN TAKE FURTHER LOOK AT OVERALL PROBLEM IN BROAD POLITICAL CONTEXT. TONE OF OVERALL BILATERAL SESSION, DEVOTED MAINLY TO INFCEP AND LONDON SUPPLIERS ISSUES, WAS ALSO NOTABLY POSITIVE THROUGHOUT DINNER MEETING (HOSTED BY U.S.) WHICH LASTED FROM DITTMAN'S ARRIVAL FROM BONN AT 8 P.M. TO 12:30 A.M. THIS WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE CABLE, BUT I SHOULD HIGHLIGHT IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT THAT DITTMAN EXPLICITLY CONFIRMED, AT OUTSET OF MEETING, THAT FRG DID NOT REPEAT NOT CONTEMPLATE FUTURE TRANSFERS OF SENSITIVE NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY APART FROM BRAZIL -- HENCE SUPPORTING DE FACTO MORATORIUM OVER FUTURE SENSITIVE EXPORT COMMITMENTS ON PART OF KEY NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS. FYI. FRG HAD GIVEN SIMILAR ASSURANCES IN PREVIOUS BILATERAL MEETINGS LAST YEAR, BUT WE AND FRENCH FEARED THAT BONN WAS BACKSLIDING FROM ITS ASSURANCES IN CONNECTION WITH HERMES ARGUMENTS DEFENDING SENSITIVE NUCLEAR TRANSFERS UNDER IAEA SAFEGUARDS. END FYI.

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